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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 21 April 1986

1. [] C/Ops and I met today with [] C/FEB/RECD; [] RECD rep who just returned from Cyprus; and [] , who is designated to replace [] in Cyprus shortly. [] gave us a status report on Cyprus construction progress, concluding that the project is well behind schedule but that quality and speed of construction have improved. In part this is due to a new site foreman. The construction company boss seems to recognize that replacement of his site engineer would also help, but he has no one suitable to put on the job. [] doubts that we will have much luck trying to hold the contractor to the penalty clauses as several conditions specified in the contract (removal of overhead wires, final blueprints) had not been provided to them on schedule.

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We discussed with [] the problems of security in Cyprus and the need for her to be aware that culture there is not progressive for women. Fortunately, our consultant has a woman engineer on his staff who has visited the site several times. Cindy is a mechanical engineer, but she and RECD feel confident that she can handle the task given her experience in project management. She will work closely with [] until her departure in about 2 weeks. [] said that she will stay about 6 weeks, and then [] will return to Cyprus. By mid-summer all of the basic construction should be completed, and RECD will probably opt to bring someone in every month or six weeks rather than keep someone continually on site. Most work at this stage will be visible for inspection later. They will consult with FBIS on staffing as they see how construction proceeds. Before [] leaves for Cyprus we will set up a meeting for him to discuss the project with [] and RECD.

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